

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- [0017] The pneumatic tire 2 includes a tread surface 2A having a plurality of circumferential grooves 2B extending straight along a circumferential direction of the tire, which define ribs 2R therebetween. The rim 1, pneumatic tire 2, and run-flat support member 3 are formed in an annular shape coaxially about a center axis of rotation of the wheel (not shown), and the run-flat support member 3 is placed in a hollow space 2Y of the pneumatic tire 2 mounted on the rim 1. --

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- [0024] The run-flat support member 3, when assembled to a rim, is inserted into the interior of the pneumatic tire 2, and the elastic rings 5 are fitted to the rim seats 1s of the rim 1 together with the beads 2C of the pneumatic tire 2 simultaneously. --